

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:	Louisiana
COUNTY:	Orleans
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ENTRY DATE	

1. NAME				
COMMON: The Garden District of New Orleans				
AND/OR HISTORIC:				
2. LOCATION				
STREET AND NUMBER: Bounded by the upper side of Josephine St., the lake side of Magazine St., the lower side of Louisiana Ave., the river side of Carondelet St.				
CITY OR TOWN: New Orleans		CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: 2		
STATE Louisiana	CODE 22	COUNTY: Orleans	CODE 071	
3. CLASSIFICATION				
CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP		STATUS
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object		<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Both		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
		Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered		Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)				
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious	Principally a	
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	residential district.	
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY				
OWNER'S NAME: The Garden District Association, an organization of property owners				
STREET AND NUMBER: 710 International Building, 611 Gravier Street				
CITY OR TOWN: New Orleans		STATE: Louisiana	CODE 22	
5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION				
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Conveyance Office, Civil Courts Building, Orleans Parish				
STREET AND NUMBER: 421 Loyola Avenue				
CITY OR TOWN: New Orleans		STATE: Louisiana	CODE 22	
6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS				
TITLE OF SURVEY: The National Register of Historic Places				
DATE OF SURVEY: 1971 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local				
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: The National Register of Historic Places, National Park Service				
STREET AND NUMBER: 1100 L Street, NW.				
CITY OR TOWN: Washington		STATE: District of Columbia	CODE 11	

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

New Orleans' Garden District had its beginning with the subdivision of the Faubourg Livaudais in Jefferson Parish in 1832 and the incorporation of Lafayette City in 1833. Encouraged by rail transportation and the rich silt deposited by an 1812 crevasse, successful New Orleans merchants bought these suburban sites for their fine homes. As new business flourished on the Lafayette river front, the area farthest from the commercial activity along the docks had become the choicest residential area and had become known as the Garden District. In 1852, Lafayette was incorporated into the city of New Orleans as the Fourth District.

Principally a residential area, the Garden District contains in its nearly 80-block area a concentration of domestic architecture from the 1835-60 period including raised cottages, a great number of mansions having two-story galleries with superimposed Classic orders, several rows of modest shotgun houses and camel-back designs, a few early Creole cottages and a sprinkling of diverse styles including Gothic, Greek Revival, and Italianate. Ornamental cast iron is generously used, not so frequently for gallery supports as for railings and for the fences which surround the gardens which have always distinguished the district.

Gardens blend newer construction into the environment. Later 19th-century houses include the ornately gabled "Swiss" Eustis-Koch House of 1876 and the Bradish Johnson House (now Louise S. McGehee School) of 1872. Major architects of New Orleans who are represented include Henry Howard, James Gallier, Jr., James Freret, William A. Freret, James H. Calrow, and Thomas K. Wharton. There is a scattering of good 20th-century houses.

There are a few 19th-century churches in the District. Shops along Magazine Street and St. Charles Avenue are generally newer and less sympathetic. A number of apartments have been constructed along St. Charles Avenue, which boasts one of the few active streetcar lines in America. An asset of the Garden District is Lafayette Cemetery No. 1, established in 1833. Handsomely maintained, it has good examples of the above-ground tomb architecture characteristic of the New Orleans area.

The Garden District was the home of Confederate Generals Leonidas Polk and John B. Hood and was also the area chosen by General Benjamin Butler for quartering Union officers. In 1889, Jefferson Davis died at the home of his friend, Judge Charles E. Fenner at 1134 First Street. Edgar Degas visited at 1331 Third Street, the home of his uncle, Postmaster Michel Musson. George Washington Cable, at his house at 1313 Eighth Street, a national historic landmark, entertained Mark Twain, Joel Chandler Harris, Lafcadio Hearn and Charles Dudley Warner on a single, singular evening.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- ☐ Pre-Columbian ☐ 16th Century ☐ 18th Century ☒ 20th Century
☐ 15th Century ☐ 17th Century ☒ 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1832 to the present

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Phi- | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | osophy | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Landscape | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Human- | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | itarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

A concentration of fine ante-bellum architecture set in beautifully landscaped grounds, the Garden District, though continually adapting to modern amenities, has retained the historic amenities which have always distinguished it. Almost 80 blocks in area, it encompasses a unique treasure of architecture and landscape architecture which is both urbane and idyllic.

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Samuel, Martha Ann Brett and Ray. The Great Days of the Garden District and the Old City of Lafayette. Parents League of the Louise S. McGehee School, New Orleans, 1961.

Wilson, Samuel, Jr., F.A.I.A. A Guide to the Early Architecture of New Orleans. New Orleans, 1960.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				OR	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES			
CORNER	LATITUDE		LONGITUDE		LATITUDE		LONGITUDE	
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds		Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	
NW	29°	55'	45"		90°	05'	30"	
NE	29°	56'	08"		90°	04'	48"	
SE	29°	55'	49"		90°	04'	32"	
SW	29°	55'	22"		90°	05'	19"	

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 250 acres

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:	
Paul Goeldner, Architect, Historic Sites Survey	
ORGANIZATION:	DATE
Division of Historic and Architectural Surveys, National Park Service	1/17/74
STREET AND NUMBER:	
1100 L Street NW.	
CITY OR TOWN:	STATE
Washington	District of Columbia
	CODE

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Name _____

Title _____

Date _____

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date _____

ATTEST:

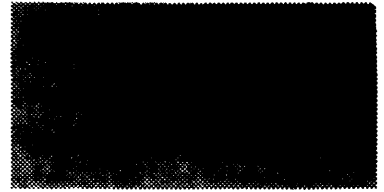
Keeper of The National Register

Date _____

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The Garden District of New Orleans
New Orleans, Louisiana

Bounded by the upper side of Josephine Street, the lake side of Magazine Street,
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The Garden District consists of over 1000 buildings. Do to this size, a complete inventory has yet to be done. Completion of an inventory would require extensive research exceeding the time and budget abilities of this office.